GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CBI PROBE ON STING OPERATION OF TEHELKA
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has recommended the Central Bureau of Investigation to probe into the accusations made in the recent sting operation of Tehelka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the commission has also directed the State Government of Gujarat to communicate its consent for CBI probe;

(d) if so, whether the Government has received consent of the Gujarat Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has requested the Government of Gujarat for its consent to be sent to the Central Government and to NHRC for CBI investigation to verify the authenticity of the tapes and the allegations made in the "Operation Kalank", a programme telecasted on 25th October, 2007 by T.V. Channel "Aaj Tak".

(d) & (e): The Government of Gujarat has stated that the Nanavati Commission of Inquiry is inquiring into the Gujarat riots of 2002. Further, criminal offences have already been registered relating to the incidents narrated in the interview contained in the video tapes and the allegations made in the "Operation Kalank". The State Government has submitted the above mentioned VCDs before the Nanavati Commission on 29.10.2007. However, the trial of these cases have been stayed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the petition requesting, inter-alia, to handover the investigation of these cases to the CBI are also pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court since 2003. The Government of Gujarat has also stated that further investigation, if any, can be taken up by the State Police as per provisions of the Cr. P.C and/or as may be directed by the Courts as per requirements of the relevant cases pending for trial.